



KPLA Executive Committee Meeting Agenda  
Thursday, February 3, 2022  
11:00 AM EST / 10:00 AM CST  
Zoom Meeting

In attendance: Jessica Powell, Lindsey Westerfield, Jessy Griffith, Mary Ann Abner, Mary Landrum, Jean Ruark

Call to Order: 11:01 AM EST

The January 10, 2022, Executive Committee meeting minutes were reviewed. Jessica made a motion to accept the minutes, and Jessy provided the second. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Committee drafted statement on intellectual freedom.

*“The Kentucky Public Library Association (KPLA) supports Kentucky’s public libraries in their efforts to abide by the First Amendment. This mission includes purchasing and making available materials on the broadest variety of viewpoints, opinions, and ideas, ensuring that every member of the community may freely read materials of their own choosing. KPLA, along with individual public libraries, believes that the presence of individual titles within a library’s collection does not imply an endorsement of the content of those materials.”*

*“When a library carries out these principles, there may be items in the collection contrary to an individual community member’s personal views. That same material, however, may appeal to a different community member. Seeking to deny access to information infringes on the Freedom of Speech, guaranteed under the First Amendment.”*

*“Libraries support parental and guardian rights to determine their own child’s selection of reading and viewing materials. The parent or guardian holds ultimate responsibility for the content their child accesses.”*

Jessica made a motion for the Executive Committee to approve the statement. Jessy seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Jessica or Lindsey will be the contact person for media requests for statements pertaining to public libraries.

Jean reported that the only public library-related legislation currently in discussion in this legislative session relates to state aid.

The Executive Committee will recommend that the Conference Planning Committee require attendees to wear masks.

Mary Ann made a motion to adjourn with Jessica as second. The meeting was adjourned by acclimation at 12:00 PM EST.